

## CSP Ministry Accomplishments

Assist churches through the administration of the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives. (The Council of Seminary Presidents reports this activity jointly.)

### 2017-2018 Year Accomplishments

- Added 2,470 annuals, 18 archival collections, 95 audio-visual/kits, 369 books, 254 pamphlets, 2,198 periodicals, 1,546 informational files, and 1,589 photographs
- Hosted 121 registered researchers and made 2,215 patron contacts
- Assisted churches in the preservation of their histories and records through online information articles and microfilming/scanning services
- Acquired 7 records center boxes documenting the work and ministry of Rev. J. B. Gulley, Baptist pastor in Hamblen County, Tennessee, for over 60 years
- Acquired an archival collection of Baptist work in Nigeria, 1953-1967. Collection includes minutes of the Nigeria Baptist Convention, and minutes of the SBC Foreign Mission Board work in Nigeria
- Acquired original church records of two dissolved churches: four original handwritten minute books of Saline Creek (Primitive) Baptist Church, Stewart County, Tennessee (1810-1964); and 10 document boxes of records of Pollard Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky (1895-2018)
- Acquired 16 records center boxes and 2 document boxes of the John D. Freeman Papers. Freeman served as executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and as editor of both the *Baptist and Reflector* and *Western Recorder* state Baptist newspapers. Papers include sermons, addresses, and reporters notebooks Freeman kept while covering the Scopes Trial in Dayton, Tennessee
- Acquired one records center box of Oscar Johnson sermons, 1960s
- Acquired 6 records center boxes of BSSB Trustee Minutes, 1925-1991
- Acquired 2 records center boxes of Baptist World Alliance minutes, yearbooks, and publications, 2000-2016
- Acquired 2 records center boxes of minutes and reports of the Baptist Convention of Israel, 1962-1980
- Acquired 1 document box each of the Arizona Baptist Historical Society Collection, 1990-2013; and the Woman's Missionary Union of Louisiana Collection, 1950-1983
- Acquired 293 minutes of Primitive Baptist Associations in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia
- Acquired 94 document boxes of mostly 19<sup>th</sup> century association and foreign Baptist convention minutes from the American Baptist Historical Society
- Acquired scrapbooks from the Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference, 2015-2017
- Added one document box each of the Baptist Theological College of Scotland Collection, 1940-1961; and the Waterville College, Maine, Catalogs Collection, 1849-1855
- Completed processing the Don Rutledge Photograph Collection. Rutledge served as photographer for the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Collection includes photographic prints, negatives, and slides along with files and related material on the career of Don Rutledge.

- Completed processing the Kyle M. Yates, Sr. Collection. Yates served as a professor of religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1922-1942) and Baylor University (1956-1969). He pastored churches in Kentucky and Texas
- Completed processing the William E. Hull Sermon Collection. Hull, a Baptist minister and educator, served as a member of the faculty at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Samford University. Collection contains sermons Hull preached in the First Baptist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana, and other churches.
- Completed processing of the William Carey Taylor Letters. Taylor served as a longtime Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil 1915 to 1956.
- Completed processing of the Hubert Rogers Tatum Collection. Tatum served as missionary to Hawaii from 1949 to his death in 1983.
- Completed processing of the Gladys Keith Collection. Collection includes correspondence, clippings, articles, and other material documenting the work of Gladys Keith in the Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans, Louisiana
- Completed processing of the Hollis Bond Navy Chaplaincy Collection. Bond, a Southern Baptist chaplain, served in the navy during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.
- Provided research assistance and copies of material to churches and associations on their histories
- Awarded 15 Lynn E. May Study Grants to researchers from a wide array of institutions

#### **2018-2019 Goals**

- Assist Southern Baptist Convention entities in the retention, preservation, and transfer of vital and historical records
- Assist churches, associations, and state conventions with the preservation of records of enduring value through website information, consultation, and microfilm program
- Inform Southern Baptist Convention Building guests of the history of Baptists through exhibits and displays
- Maintain an active and up-to-date web presence with an online catalog, finding aids, and digital resources
- Collect, catalog, and make available for use books, serials, archival material, audio-visuals, and other resources to a wide range of scholars and researchers
- Maintain a sound archival environment for the preservation of the largest, most diverse, and most accessible collection of Baptist material in the world

#### **2018-2019 Challenge:**

- To provide adequate and appropriate space for the growing collection of Southern Baptist Convention denominational records